1	2
Maharashtra	91.5
Dadra&Nagar Haveli	17.7
Daman & Diu	12.5
6. SOUTHERN REGION	**86.7**
Andhra Pradesh	89.1
Karnataka	76.1
Kerala	63.7
Tamil Nadu	109.8
Lakshadweep	9.2
Pondicherry	46.8
ALL-INDIA:	71.5

Notes: Date relate to last Friday of September 2007
SOURCE: BSR (Basic Statistical Return)-7

Prosecution under the prevention of Money Laundering Act

521. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many prosecutions have been launched under the prevention of Money Laundering Act in the current year;

(b) what is the total amount for which action have been taken towards attachment proceedings; and

(c) what are the offences for which the proceedings have been initiated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Nil.

(b) During the period 2007-08, action has been taken for attachment of properties worth approximately Rs. 33.33 crores.

(c) The offences for which the proceedings have been initiated under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, are as follows:

(i) Sections 121A, 302, 307, 384, 385, 386, 387, 467 of Indian Penal Code.

(ii) Sections 22 & 29 of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, and

(iii) Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959.

Subsidy in interest components on educational loans

522. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering the proposal to subsidize the interest component on loans given to students for higher professional courses during the moratorium period;